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SUBJECT: CEAUESCU VISIT

1. CHARGE MARTENS OF EMBASSY BUCHAREST REPORTS

ADDITI*NAL OINTS LEARNED ON LAST DAY OF CEAUESCU VISI*
TO US AS*FOLLOWS.

2. IN REPLY *O DIRECT QUESTION TO MACOVESCU AT HAUGE

LUNCHEON AS TO REASONS FOR CURTAILMENT OF T*IP, MACOVESCU
GAVE VERY STRONG ASSURANCES THAT THERE WAS NOTHING
"SENSATIONAL" SUCH AS INTERNAL C*ISIS OR FOREIGN POLICY
GAMBITS B*HIND IT,*MUCH LESS ANY DISSATISFACTION WITH US

TRIP, ABOUT WHICH ENTIRE PARTY INDEED SEEMED WELL
PLEASED. MACOVESCU SAID LENGTH OF TRIP HAD BEEN SUBJECT
TO QUALMS FROM BEGINNING WITH FEELING ALL ALONG THAT IT
PERHAPS SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHORTENED GIVEN CEAUESCU'S
HEAVY AGENDA AT HOME TOWARD END OF YEAR, ESPECIALLY
WITH PLAN PROBLEMS (HE REFERRED HERE TO INTENTION TO
HOLD YET ANOTHER CC PLENUM ON PLAN SHORTLY). MACOVESCU
ENDED BY NOTING ANOTHER FACTOR; HE OBSERVED THAT THERE
HAD BEEN SOME CRITICISM OF LENGTH AND NUMBER OF
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CEAUESCU'S TRIPS ABROAD. THIS CRITICISM, HE SAID, WAS

NOT JUST IN ROMANIA BUT IN FOREIGN PRESS AS WELL AND
WAS ADDITIONAL REASON TO AVOID IMPRESSION OF JAUNT.

3. ENROUTE TO AIRCRAFT, MANEA MANESCU SAID THAT THREE
AMERICAN COMPANIES WITH WHICH FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS
WERE SIGNED DURING TRIP WERE GENERAL ELECTRIC, SINGER
AND ITT.

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